

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1016
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FUNDS FOR PROTECTION OF RHINO
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Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

- (a) the amount of funds allocated for the protection of Kaziranga National Park in general and its endangered species Rhino in particular during each of the last three years;
- (b) whether the funds have been diverted for other purposes by the State Forest Department;
- (c) if so, the details thereof;
- (d) whether the Government has ordered any enquiry in the matter;
- (e) if so, the details thereof; and
- (f) the steps taken by the Government to check diversions of Central funds?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS(SHRI S.REGUPATHY)

(a) The details of funds released for the protection and management of Kaziranga National Park, Assam under the Centrally Sponsored Scheme – Development of National Parks and Sanctuaries during the last three years are as below:
(Rs.lakhs)

2004-05 2005-06 2006-07

153.00 83.60 59.15

(b) No Sir. There is no such report from the State Government.

(c)to(e) Does not arise.

(f) Under the Centrally Sponsored Scheme – Development of National Parks and Sanctuaries, Government of India provides financial assistance to the State/UT Governments for the conservation and management of Protected Areas on the basis of approved Annual Plans of Operation. The funds are released in different installments, after the receipt of the Utilization Certificates from the State/UT Governments for the money released earlier.